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**Alma L. Chazez**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Sophie Newcomb 1967 BA; Tulane 1969 JD  
Began Service: September 18, 1984  
Term Expires: September 2016

**Academic:** Professor, Tulane University (1974-1975)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Louisiana Civil District Court (1969-1970); Law Clerk, Louisiana Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit (1970-1973)

**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner (1972-1980)

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**Louis Moore, Jr.**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Southern U A&M 1969 BA, 1972 JD  
Began Service: May 1985  
Term Expires: 2009

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**Joseph C. Wilkinson, Jr.**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
Education: LSU 1976 BA; Tulane 1980 JD  
Began Service: March 27, 1995  
Term Expires: March 27, 2011

**Academic:** Assistant Professor of Law, Law School, Tulane University

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Morey L. Sear, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1980-1982)

**Government:** Attorney/Administrative Assistant, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana (1994-1995)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1982-1993)

**Current Memberships:** The Thomas More - Loyola Law School American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; Federal Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; New Orleans Bar Association

**Staff**

Secretary **Marilyn Mosley** ..... (504) 589-7630

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Sally Shushan**

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**Sally Shushan**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: February 1, 1999  
Term Expires: 2015

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Michael O'Keefe** ..... (504) 589-7620  
Education: Tulane 1971 JD  
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**Karen Wells Roby**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1961  
Education: Xavier (LA) 1983; Tulane 1987 JD  
Began Service: February 1999  
Term Expires: February 2015

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Bernette Johnson, Civil District Court, Orleans Parish Division I

**Judicial:** Judge Pro Tempore, Civil District Court, Orleans Parish Division I

**Legal Practice:** Deutsch, Kerrigan (1993-1998); Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Knox (1998-1999)

**Current Memberships:** Federal Bar Association; Federal Magistrate Judges Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; New Orleans Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Daniel E. Knowles III**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: August 29, 1953  
Education: LSU 1975 BA; LSU (Alexandria) 1978 JD  
Began Service: January 6, 2003  
Term Expires: January 5, 2011

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Burke & Mayer, PLC (1982-2003)

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Jaime C. Waters** ..... (504) 589-7575  
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**Number of Judgeships:** 2

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**Chambers of Chief Bankruptcy Judge Jerry A. Brown**

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**Jerry A. Brown**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1932  
Education: Murray State U 1954 BA;  
Tulane 1959 LLB  
Began Service: August 27, 1992  
Term Expires: August 26, 2020  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Minor Wisdom, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1959-1960)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Monroe & Lemann (1963-1990); Special Partner, Bronfin & Heller (1991-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1954-1956)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; Bar Association of the Fifth Federal Circuit; Kentucky Bar Association; Louisiana State Bar Association; New Orleans Bar Association

**Staff**

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**Elizabeth W. Wagner**  
Bankruptcy Judge

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

**Number of Vacancies:** 1

**Areas Covered:** Parishes of Ascension, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Iberville, Livingston, Pointe Coupee, St. Helena, West Baton Rouge and West Feliciana

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**Ralph E. Tyson**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1948  
Education: LSU 1970 BA, 1973 JD  
Began Service: August 10, 1998  
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Moot Court II, Paul M. Hebert Law Center (1989-1991); Instructor of Criminal Law and Administration of Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology, Southern University and A&M College (1989-1998)

**Government:** Special Counsel then Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Louisiana State Department of Justice; Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana (1976-1979); Chief City Prosecutor, Office of the Parish Attorney, Office of the Mayor/President and the Metropolitan Council, City of Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana

**Judicial:** Judge, Baton Rouge City Court (1988-1993); Judge, 19th Judicial District Court for East Baton Rouge Parish

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Pitcher & Tyson, Attorney's at Law (1973-1978); Partner, Pitcher, Tyson, Avery & Cunningham, Attorney's at Law (1978-1983); Partner, Tyson, Avery & Cunningham, Attorney's at Law (1983-1988)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1970-1978)

**Current Memberships:** Baton Rouge Bar Association; Louis A. Martinet Legal Society; Louisiana State Bar Association; National Bar Association

**Staff**

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